

May 10, 2005

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs, Glendale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, May 18, 2005 - 4:00 p.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at (623) 930-2262, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
May 18, 2005**

		<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3.	<u>Call to the Audience</u>  An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Policy Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.	3. Information.
4.	<u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>  Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).	4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

*4A.	<u>Approval of April 20, 2005 Meeting Minutes</u>	4A. Review and approve the April 20, 2005 meeting minutes.
*4B.	<u>New Finding of Conformity for the Amended FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan</u>  The 2005 MAG Conformity Analysis concludes that the amended Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) as a whole meet all applicable federal conformity requirements and are in conformance with	4B. Information and discussion.

applicable air quality plans. The proposed amendment includes requests by Maricopa County and the City of Apache Junction to add new projects to the TIP that are considered regionally significant. In addition, a conformity determination on the TIP and RTP for the new eight-hour ozone standard must be completed by June 15, 2005. Following a 30-day public review and comment period, MAG conducted a public hearing on April 25, 2005 on the proposed amendment to the TIP and 2005 Conformity Analysis for the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP and RTP. On May 5, 2005, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee made a recommendation to approve the draft conformity analysis. The MAG Regional Council Executive Committee may take action on May 16, 2005. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*4C. Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Maricopa County and Apache Junction Highway Projects

On November 25, 2003, the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council. Since that time, Maricopa County has notified MAG of five new roads that are being constructed in the northwest and southwest Valley and Apache Junction of a nearly 10-mile planned widening of Ironwood Road. All of these projects require an Amendment to the TIP to be able to proceed. All of the projects are regarded as regionally significant projects for air quality conformity analysis purposes and a new Finding of Conformity for this item is considered as a separate agenda item. The results of the conformity analysis conclude that the amended TIP and Regional Transportation Plan as a whole meet all applicable federal conformity requirements and are in conformance with applicable air quality plans. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of a TIP amendment for these projects, pending completion of the air quality conformity analysis. The MAG Regional Council Executive Committee may take action on May 16, 2005. Ratification of the Executive Committee action will be considered at the TPC and Regional Council meetings. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4C. Recommend possible ratification of an Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to add five new privately and locally funded Maricopa County projects and one privately funded widening project in Apache Junction, contingent upon a finding of conformity.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5A. Interim Draft of the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies

At the April 20, 2005 Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) meeting, general consensus was reached on four arterial life cycle program policies relating to program adjustments for revenue shortfalls, for surplus program funds and for surplus project funds and reimbursement for advanced projects. Based on this input, a revised version of the policies will be presented. Discussion and action on the policies is anticipated. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5B. Interim Draft of the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures

For the past year, MAG has been developing Draft Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures to guide the implementation of the arterial street component of Proposition 400. The draft policies and procedures development has involved extensive participation of MAG member agencies through a series of workshops and written comments. The Transportation Policy Committee has also provided important input to provide guidance on key policy questions. Based on this input, a revised version of the draft ALCP Policies and Procedures has been prepared. The preparation of this draft version also includes the reorganization of some of the sections and extensive editing of the document for easier reading. Because of the extensive changes, a final workshop of MAG member agency staff is scheduled for May 13, 2005. Discussion and possible action on the draft policies and procedures are anticipated at the May 18, 2005 meeting of the TPC. Comments on the attached draft ALCP Policies and Procedures from the May 13th workshop will be provided at the meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5A. Review and recommend approval of the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies discussed at the April 20, 2005 TPC meeting.

5B. Information, discussion, and possible recommendation to approve the Draft Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures.

6. Information, discussion, and possible action.